



# THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF HADDONFIELD

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## **BUSINESS MEETING--TUESDAY, MAY 28, AT 8 P.M.**

**Friends Meeting Auditorium, Lake Street**

**Speaker: SIDDONS HARPER, JR.**

New Jersey and The American Revolution will be the interesting topic of the program for the business meeting. New Jersey's part in the American Revolution was considerably more than is credited in the usual historical accounts. This program will inform us of some of the little known parts.

The speaker will review the pamphlet, "Washington Staid Awake Here" by John Cunningham which he delivered to the Society of the Cincinnati. Mr. Cunningham, as is well known, is extremely knowledgeable about New Jersey's past and present. His feature and free lance writing, scripts for films and books about New Jersey attest to the fact and are responsible for his popularity as a lecturer.

Mr. Harper is also vitally interested in American History, having taught the subject in Haddonfield schools for the past thirty years. He has a particular interest in youth and a desire to create a greater awareness of New Jersey and its history. He organized the Jerseymen in 1965. The purpose of the organization is to encourage 8th Graders to learn more about their state through tours and field trips.

### **PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

Your President has been busy representing The Haddonfield Historical Society.

About two months ago, I was invited to tell something of the history of Haddonfield to the high school group at the Westminster House of the First Presbyterian Church, on a Friday night.

That talk apparently went so well, that I was invited by the Student Committee to address an assembly of the entire seventh and eighth grades at the Junior School. The Student Committee wanted the beauty and history of our town stressed so that potential vandals would want to take care of our town rather than destroy it. The Committee seemed pleased with what they heard. I also had the pleasure of sharing our history with the young married couples called "Tandem."

Next, the President of Mrs. Kinsler's Bible Class of the Presbyterian Church asked me to address their 50th anniversary party at Green Valley Farms. I stressed to them the great value women had generated in history, and especially in Haddonfield. We owe our women so

much. Now with our Historic District, much of their contribution will be preserved.

All groups have enjoyed stories of Elizabeth Haddon, the Gills, the Matlacks, the Indian King, Greenfield Hall, our Fire Company, etc.

Mrs. Haydock—thanks for your book “This Is Haddonfield.” Without it, I would have been lost.

Robert J. Moore  
*President*

### BICENTENNIAL FOCUS

Looking forward to the 1976 celebration and the Historical Society's participation, it is interesting to take note of several aspects of the research committees with Mrs. Jesse Haydock giving the impetus.

Kendall Ware, as publication chairman, arranged for the Gazette to publicize papers written by Mrs. Carrie N. Hartel. They include a variety of local subjects, notably the article on the New Jersey Building. The newspaper articles will be compiled into pamphlet form as an addition to the series of available publications of the Society.

Howard Kemble's committee is doing a yeoman's task of indexing the deeds in the archives of the Society to facilitate reference for researchers.

A complete bibliographical index of sources of local history is being gathered under the direction of George Lyons. George and sister Betty recently travelled to London to do research on Elizabeth Haddon.

Pictures are the responsibility of Roy J. King's group. Its goal is a comprehensive series of 35 mm transparencies. The pictorial material in the Society's Library and that obtained from other sources will be available for use in lectures and tours.

The preparation of four maps, as of 1726, 1776, 1826 and 1876, showing the layout of Haddonfield streets, roads, residences and other buildings is under the direction of J. G. Haydock, Jr. These will form a series of uniform size, suitable for framing as wall decorations, similar to the pseudo-aerial pictorial now being offered for sale.

The map committee, largely due to the efforts of Joseph N. Hartel, cartographer, has a complete draft of the 1876 map ready for printing. The earliest map which covers the whole town dates from 1861. As a result, the earlier ones are being built up by plotting the descriptions given in the deeds. This is quite a chore, but the searches of old deeds reveal all kinds of fascinating by-products. For example, the original deed by which John Gill acquired the land facing the north side of King's Highway East running from Coopers Creek to Grove Street gives as one of the boundary marks a bridge across the creek. Nobody had even thought King's Highway was crossed by a bridge before 1747. However, this deed establishes a date of 1728 and encourages the committee to do further research. We may thus discover when the original Salem road, which crossed out of Haddonfield via a ford through Evans Pond, was abandoned and superseded by the road now known as the Highway.

### AN ELEMENTARY LOOK

“Elizabeth Haddon was a Quaker. Did you know that before me?” “I wish that Elizabeth Haddon was alive.” These were among the comments and observations made by third graders from the Haddonfield Friends' School following a visit to “Greenfield Hall.”

These youngsters were also very much concerned about the fete of the Hip Roof House. In the letters they wrote, these comments were typical: “I hope

the Hip Roof House will be saved." "Our class is trying to help with the Hip Roof House." "We haven't raised any money yet. But we'll make some. Don't worry." Rumor has it that the children will be true to their word and the Hip Roof House Fund will soon receive a contribution from the Third Grade of Haddonfield Friends' School.

The second grade of the J. Fithian Tatem School made a tour of "Greenfield Hall" just before the Easter holidays. Far and away the experience which made the biggest impression was a guided tour of the basement with Bill Reifsteck and a glimpse into the well he recently discovered and is currently excavating in the best archaeological tradition. Other favorites were the nutmeg grinders in the Keeping Room, bed warmers and foot warmers, handcuffs, the Elizabeth Haddon mirror, clocks, dog collar and the hay rake. Pictures accompanying the notes included sketches of the doll collection, the Marion Wood bedroom, the oil burner and the collection of saws in the basement.

"The youngsters are sometimes so wound up, we wonder how much they really absorb," says Teacher Betty Justice of the Friends' School, "but their letters and drawings indicate they don't miss much, and, in fact, often see more than is described in the tour of the building."

Pat Lennon

#### IN MEMORIAM

*"Death is the golden key that  
opens the palace of eternity."*

—Milton

Carl H. Faltermayer

C. Wilder Marsh



*At the sign of the weathervane*

#### IT'S THE TWELFTH . . .

Anyone visiting "Greenfield Hall" these past winter months may have thought the women present were engaged in demonstrating colonial crafts. A closer look would have revealed—Crafts, yes; colonial—no. The women were transforming rather commonplace articles—watering cans, felt, plain tin cans of varying sizes into decorative, useful articles for home and garden. The magic of color and imagination, time and talent may be seen at the "Country Store"—a new feature of the 12th Annual Historic Village Fair, to be held Saturday, June 1st, on the Society's grounds.

The Country Store will feature also such Fair favorites as home-baked cakes, breads, jams, jellies and relishes; also an old-fashioned pickle barrel and jars of penny candy. Of course, there will be Auctions and Books, the White Elephant and Jewelry tables; in fact, an interesting assembly of bags and boxes is waiting now to be unpacked and sorted. Plants, herbs and fresh straw-

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berries will beguile gardeners and gourmets. The menu selected by the Luncheon Committee promises to be pleasing to the palate as well as to the eye. For those who prefer the all-American favorite, with the special Village Fair Touch, hot dogs will be sizzling on the grill.

Weather vanes will point the way to the many attractions of the Historic Village Fair. "Follow the direction of the weather vanes," says Bess Taylor, Chairman of the Women's Committee, "and you'll be sure to find something going on."

#### EDITOR'S NOTE

The success of the Village Fair depends on having for sale quantities of donated goods—everything from freshly baked pastries and casseroles to unwanted or unused household articles. Members of the Woman's Committee will be at the Society from 10 a.m. until late afternoon every Tuesday and Thursday in May. Members, and their friends, may bring their donations, or arrange to have them picked up by calling "Greenfield Hall" on those days.



*Society member Diane Snodgrass displays some of the signs which point the way to the Fair attractions.*